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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 10/066,404	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 1, 2002	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Attorney Docket No. MESO0045	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed April 19, 2002, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.), Section 708.02, Item XI: Inventions for Countering Terrorism.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section XI, for an invention for countering terrorism must be accompanied by a statement explaining how the invention contributes to countering terrorism and a petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

The petition was accompanied by a statement by the attorney of record and met the requirements of M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item XI.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.


If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and he/she should make a rigid search for such, she is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, he/she should consider such application simultaneously with this application and should state in the official letter of such application that he/she is taking it out of its turn because of possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this application or should this application becomes involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

The petition is granted to the extent indicated.



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